



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 27, 2011

H.R. 1059

A bill to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 20, 2011

H.R. 1059 would repeal the sunset provision of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 involving the financial disclosure requirements for judges. The bill would prevent public disclosure of certain information if it is determined that such disclosure could endanger the individual. Under current law, those provisions expire at the end of calendar year 2011. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1059 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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